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## DEMOCRATS CALL FOR ACTION ON VIDEO GAMING LEGISLATION

LANSING – Several of the Michigan's leading Senate Democrats joined Governor Jennifer Granholm today in calling for the passage of legislation that would ban the sale of adult-rated video games to minors. State Senators Gilda Z. Jacobs, Dennis Olshove, Jim Barcia and Michael Switalski believe safeguards are needed to protect Michigan's children from adult-rated material. Currently, there are no state or federal laws that regulate the sale of adult-rated video games to minors.

"While the companies who manufacture and promote these sort of games have every right to do so under the 1st Amendment," said Sen. Gilda Z. Jacobs (D-Huntington Woods), "children should NOT have easy access to this sexually explicit material--case closed."

Sen. Hansen Clarke (D-Detroit), the author of the legislation to ban the sale of adult-rated video games to minors, held press conferences in Lansing and Detroit today to show the media video clips of a video "game" entitled *The Guy Game* in which players are asked trivia questions and are rewarded for correct answers with actual video footage of women exposing themselves. The game does not use animation but actual DVD quality video footage. It holds a "Mature" rating and has the tag line, "the better you play, the more skin they'll show."

"If the people who market and sell these products to children are unwilling to do what's right, then it is critical that we take a strong stand against minors having easy access to these products," said Sen. Jim Barcia (D-Bay City)

"This bill gives parents another tool to protect their children," said Sen. Mickey Switalski (D-Roseville).

"It is important that we continue to build strong, virtuous communities," Sen. Dennis Olshove (D-Warren) said. "With that in mind, we cannot allow our youth to be inundated with explicit material from those who do not share these values."